

REMARKS


Applicants respectfully submit this Preliminary Amendment for entry and consideration in the above-identified case.

In this Preliminary Amendment, applicants have cancelled Claims 1-18 without prejudice, and submit a new sole independent Claim 19. New Claim 19 includes subject matter limitations as found in cancelled Claims 2, 4, 6 and 7 and the specification.

The submission of new Claim 19 and claim cancellations are only for facilitation prosecution of this application and applicants are not conceding in this application that those cancelled claims are not patentable. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue these and other claims in one or more continuations and/or divisional patent applications.

Applicants respectfully submit that they will follow up with the Examiner, by way of a teleconference, to discuss the merits of this new claim submission calculated to place the application in condition of allowance. Likewise, should the Examiner believe a telephone conference might expedite prosecution of this case, it is respectfully requested that he call applicant's attorney at (516) 742-4343.

Respectfully Submitted,


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